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SURVEY ON STRAY ANIMALS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any survey regarding the nuisance/unhygienic conditions being created by stray animals,dogs and pet dogs in NCT of Delhi;

(b) if so,the details thereof;and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRIMATI RADHIKA V. SELVI)

(a) & (b): No, Sir.No such survey has been conducted.

(c): The steps taken by various civic agencies in Delhi to control the menace of stray cattle/animals, etc. are as under:

(i) Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD): In order to control the population of stray dogs in Delhi, a Society for Stray Canine Birth Control has been constituted under the Chairmanship of Commissioner, MCD.At present,10 Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) are associated with the Society,which are doing the sterilization and immunization of stray dogs.To deal with the menace of stray animals,the MCD has placed adequate infrastructure at the disposal of the Zonal Veterinary Officers of all the Municipal Zones,except Narela,which is a rural zone.

(ii) Delhi Cantonment Board: The Delhi Cantonment Board has one cattle catcher squad and as and when any complaint of stray cattle is received,the same is caught and sent to the MCD cattle pound/goshala.Complaint of stray dogs in the Cantonment area is forwarded to the Sanjay Gandhi Animal Care Center,Raj Garden,an NGO,for taking necessary action.

(iii) New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC): Constant vigil and prompt action is taken to remove the menace of stray cattle in the NDMC area,as and when it is noticed.Steps have been taken to control the dog population as well as to keep the area hygienic by sterilisation and immunisation against rabies under the Animal Birth Contrl Programme.Further,Dog Tax Tokens are also issued by the NDMC for pet dogs after immunisation against rabies.